**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

-- For umbrellas having individual pivotal connections between the upper rib and lower strut ~~assembly~~ assemblies, the unbalanced nature of the movement at the pivot point in relation to the upper and lower central hubs causes unnecessary wear on the pivot junction as well as to the static wire or rigid line which connects the canopy rib assembly to the central hub[[s]]. This wear is undesirable and is aggravated over time by the stresses of both man and nature.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

-- For umbrellas having individual pivotal connections between the upper rib and lower strut ~~assembly~~ assemblies by means of a vertically configured bracket individually, the existing brackets protrude over the top of the canopy assembly providing a point of friction between the fabric of the canopy and the rigid protrusion of the pivot brackets. This creates excessive wear on a fabric canopy and often creates holes in the fabric canopy.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 25

with the following amended paragraph:

-- Using the pulley system 130 when the umbrella is in its closed position with the main hub member 18 near the bottom end 16 of the pole member 12, the user can pull the line member handle whereby the line member 132 will be pulled through the pulley member 138 and the toothed side edges 142. This will cause the pair of cams 141 to pivot such that the line member 132 will continue to be pulled against the cams' smooth outer surfaces 145. This will pull the bracket member 136 and main hub member 18 upward so as to open the umbrella. When the user stops pulling the line member 132, the cams 141 will reverse pivot and the toothed side edges 142 will engage and prohibit the movement of the line member 132 in either direction. The main hub member 18 will thereby be maintained in a vertical position along the pole member 12 while permitting rotation of the main hub member 18 and the secondary hub member 30, and the associated rib members 70, strut members 80, pulley system 130, and umbrella canopy 21 attached thereto, about the longitudinal axis of the pole member 12. In this way, the umbrella can be quickly and easily opened to and maintained at any desired position without the use of a hand crank or the retaining pin 112 placed below the main hub member 18. When the umbrella is desired to be closed, the line member 132 can be pulled outside of the grip of the toothed side edges 142 and released. The retaining bracket 144 maintains the line member 132

in alignment with the toothed side edges 142 such that the user can easily re-engage the line member 132 with the toothed side edges 142 so as to lock the line member 132 at the desired vertical position. Only the intentional removal of the line member 132 from the toothed side edges 142 with a deliberate sideways and upward movement will allow the umbrella to close. The toothed side edges 142 thus prevents any unintentional closing of the umbrella from wind gusts or other outside forces.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

-- As shown in Figure 13, the line member 132 extends downwardly from the pulley member 138 so as to be substantially coplanar with a main hub member slot wall 44. This keeps the line member 132 free from contact with a hub connector joint 52 which could bind and cause unnecessary wear on the line member 132. Also, as shown in Figure [[12]] 13, the line member 132 may be retained on a hook member 190 secured to the exteriorly exposed surface of the base portion 22 of the main hub member 18.